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Federal Benefits Open Season 2009 Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP)

The Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) Open Season will take place **November 10, 2008 through December 08, 2008** as part of the Federal Benefits Open Season 2009. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has contracted with 10 carriers (7 dental carriers and 3 vision carriers) to provide comprehensive dental or vision services to Federal and USPS employees, annuitants, compensationers, and survivor annuitants under FEDVIP.

What are the 10 official FEDVIP carriers?

Dental

- Aetna Life Insurance Company www.aetnafeds.com
- Government Employees Health Association, Inc. (GEHA) www.gehadental.com
- MetLife Inc. www.federaldental.metlife.com
- United Concordia Companies, Inc. www.uccifedvip.com
- Triple-S <u>www.ssspr.com</u>
- Group Health, Inc. (GHI) www.ghi.com
- CompBenefits www.fed.dentaladvantage.compbenefits.com

Vision:

- BlueCross BlueShield (FEP BlueVision) www.fepblue.org
- UnitedHealthcare Vision (formerly Spectera) www.spectera.com/myfedvision
- Vision Service Plan (VSP) <u>www.choosevsp.com</u>

How much are premiums?

The premiums will vary by plan and by enrollment type:

- For Dental rates, visit http://opm.gov/insure/dental/rates/index.asp
- For Vision rates, visit http://opm.gov/insure/vision/rates/index.asp

Are premiums paid on a pre-tax basis?

FEDVIP coverage is the only government-wide dental or vision program that qualifies for pre-tax deduction of premiums (premium conversion) for active employees. Pre-tax premiums are not available to annuitants, survivor annuitants, or compensationers. Employees may not opt out of premium conversion.

How Do I Enroll?

Enrollment in FEDVIP takes place exclusively through BENEFEDS at www.BENEFEDS.com or by telephone at: 1-877-888-FEDS (1-877-888-3337) or TTY 1-877-889-5680. Enrollment in FEDVIP does NOT take place directly with an insurance plan. You may cancel your enrollment **only** during open season.

When will my coverage be effective?

FEDVIP coverage, for those who enroll during this year's open season, will be effective January 1, 2009, even if that is in the middle of a pay period. Deductions for coverage will start with the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2009.

Does my FEDVIP coverage automatically continue from year to year?

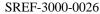
Yes, your coverage continues unchanged, unless you make a change during open season or as a result of a Qualifying Life Event that permits a change outside of open season.

For further information, you may visit: http://www.opm.gov/insure/federal-employ/index.asp

Any questions concerning this notice, contact:

NSSC Customer Contact Center

1-877-NSSC123 or nssc-contactcenter@nasa.gov



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